**First Peoples Chart/Presentation—Project**

**References:**

Crossroads chapter 7, library (school and/or public), internet, classroom and media resources.

**The assignment involves:**

Choosing an Aboriginal culture of Canada to research, then preparing *either* a brief classroom presentation or an 11” x 17” chart.

**Requirements:**

The chart or presentation will include:

1. A clear title and visible labels for each topic on the chart
2. A map of the area in which the group lived (and/or lives)
3. A climate graph of a location in the group’s traditional territory
4. One description or example of an art form practiced by the people (a legend, a craft, a piece of traditional music, etc)
5. At least five informational statements from the list of topics below
6. A small sketch or picture for each of the informational statements (e.g. the topic “Shelter” would include the picture of a typical shelter from the culture’s tradition)
7. References in MLA format: at least ONE book/print source, at least ONE internet source, and at least one other source (interview, film, radio, etc)

Information topics. Choose five of:

1. Location—where in North America do/did they live? What cultural region is this? What physiographic region is it in?
2. Environment—what type of climate and habitat did they live in? How did they adapt to the environment?
3. Art—what did it look/sound like, and what was it for? How does the art of this people reflect their environment and what they consider important?
4. Subsistence—what did they eat and how did they get it? How did they prepare it?
5. Language—what kind of language did they speak? What other language(s) is it related to? Is there anything interesting about it?
6. Shelter—what types of buildings or homes did they live in? how were they made?
7. Politics—how was their society or nation run?
8. Culture—how did they relate to each other and other Native nations?
9. Religion—what type of spirituality did they practice?
10. Technology—what kinds of tools and implements did they use? How did they make use of their natural resources and natural environment?

**Choose a culture from one of these categories:**

Peoples of the Eastern Woodlands Iroquois

(2 groups of 3 or 4) Algonquin

Huron

Mohawk

Peoples of the Plains Plains Cree

(2 groups of 3 or 4) Blackfoot

Sioux

Piegan

Peoples of the Plateau Shuswap

(2 groups of 3 or 4) Okanagon

Interior Salish

Carrier/Dakelh

Peoples of the Sub-Arctic Sekani

(2 groups of 3 or 4) Beaver

Chipewyan

Northern Cree

Peoples of the Northwest Coast Haida

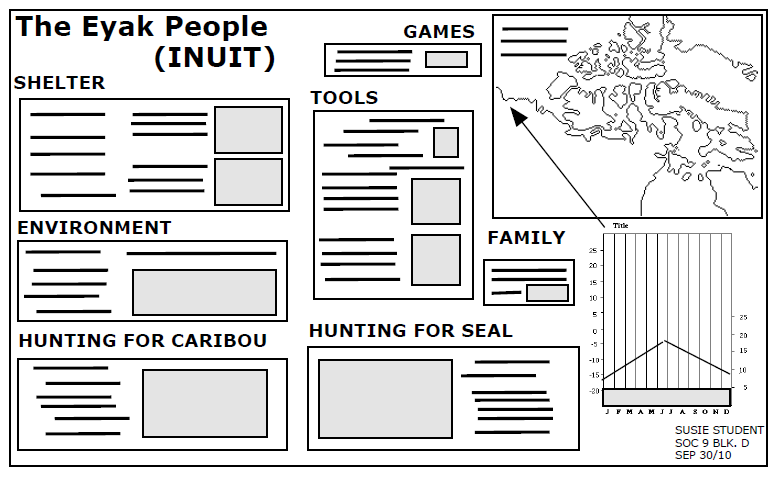
(2 groups of 3 or 4) Tsimshian

Tlingit

Nootka

Nishga’a

Coast Salish

An example of a chart: 

We used the Inuit as our “case study”—a detailed practice ethnography. Your poster (or presentation) is your chance to do your own “anthropological research.”